

I am honestly frightened by the misuse of public airwaves by Sinclair Broadcasting. Every American deserves the unadulterated truth, and many Americans trust their televisions to bring them just that. If trusting Americans are allowed to view viscious, grossly partisan programs as real news, rather than ill-informed or completely false, how far are we from the regimes around the world that we are so intent on changing?

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.